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Dear Paul and Gary (and no others),

The attached are the best copies I can make of two letters I received yesterday from Dick Bernabei, one of my correspondents and a young man whose work has been solid and whose approach as been very good. He had done fine things on trajectories, new things of real meaning. He has been sitting on Dawney, trying to keep him on the ground (which is no easy task with Joesten pulling upward). I send these two you, hoping they will not lead you to hasty and perhaps unfair judgements of the men, because I think you should know the content on "Hepburn". Perhaps some of the information will also have meaning to you, especially if you followed the German student disturbances and recall if anything of special interest came out then about Springer, who seems willing to publish libelous material.

If you have any means of learning more about the Canadian angles and names, that could be helpful. As time goes on, I become more concerned we have not had the end of this operation.

A small thing that fascinates me, with the French minority activities and attitudes in Canada: a law firm with a possibly French name that has a phone number 1066! That was quite a year for the French vs the English, wasn't it? So, I wonder of the other connections of this firm.

Paul, no reason not to share this with Jim and Hal, asking them that it go no further, for these letters should not be held against those who wrote them, especially not Dick.

I think the Thompson content can be of enormous importance. I knew he had once started to copy the film, in the form of stills, and been caught or stopped. If you recall my initial reaction when his stuff first appeared in the SEP, you perhaps understand how this excites me. His attempt was in the LIFE office, when he worked there. Recall also the limited number or sources of Z.

I'd be interested in any thoughts you have. I am gradually accumulating names of those connected with Lamarre, in England and on the continent, and some first-names only in the U.S., where the French edition expresses indebtedness to Pat, Ann, Bernard and Mary-Ann. Two of these names link in my kind and not with any comfort! They are the first names of two people I know, man and wife! Pat and Bernard. Of course, this is without meaning without proof, for these are not uncommon names.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg